(c) whether it is a fact that there are several ongoing projects on pulses improvement which have not paid dividend yet ;

(d) whether Government have any method of making research and other project accountable to the tax payers and the country and if so, details thereof ; and

(e) whether Government's monitoring evaluation system has failed to be effective, and if so, corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) India was one of the larges importers of pulses in the world in 1990. In that year, India was the largest producer of pulses in the world.

(b) A time targetted action plan on technology generation in pulses has been taken up. A time-bound programme on developmental aspects is also under implementation.

(c) Research work on pulses is being crried out through Directorate of Pulses Research, Kanpur and All Inda Coordinated Pulses Improvement Project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. These efforts have led to the development of several improved varieties of pulses for different agroclimatic areas of the country.

(d) Pulses have been included under the ambit of the Technology Mission with assigned time-frames for different research activities.

(e) In order to improve evaluation of pulses development programmes, Concurrent evaluation has been entrusted to an independent agency from 1991-92. The points in these evaluation reports are followed up for improving the effectiveness of these programmes.

Availability of Milk

2437. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the per capita availability of milk (Statewise) during the decade of 1970—80 and 1980—90 ;

(b) the steps taken by Government to make available milk to children and pregnant and lactating mothers at cheeper rates ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop diversion of milk for the production of milk products catering to the needs of elite class of the population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) A statement indicating statewise per capital availability of milk during the year 1979-80 and 1989-90 is given below.

(b) Government has recently promulgated Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992 on 9th June, 1992 under the Essental Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) with a view to main ain and increase supply of liquid milk of the desired quality in the interests of the general public. This Order extends to the whole of India.

(c) At the request of the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi Administration, the Governmen has issued Orders imposing temporary restrictions for specified periods on production of milk products in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi in order to maintain and increase the supply of liquid milk.

Statement

Statewise per capita availability of Milk during 1979-80 *and* 1989-90

S.No.	States	Per Capita availabilit of Milk (gms Per Da	
		1979-80	1989-9
1	Andhra Pradesh	92	13
2	Arunachal Pradesh	131	13
3	Assam	63	7
4	Bihar	73	9
5	@Goa	46	5
6	Gujarat	171	22
7	Haryana	416	53
8	Himachal Pradesh	197	28
9	Jammu & Kashmir	108	181
10	Karnataka	102	144
11	Kerala	92	149
12	Madhya Pradesh	116	195
13	Maharashtra	66	118
14	Manipur	111	127
15	Meghalaya	111	78
16	Mizoram	17	37
17	Nagaland	11	85
18	Orissa	25	40
19	Punjab	503	686
20	Rajasthan	248	272
21	Sikkim	121	173
22	Tamilnadu	106	170
23	Tripura	21	29
24	Uttar Pradesh	140	190
25	West Bengal	62	119

@Includes Daman & Diu.